

TO THE
DIRECTORS

OF THE

ST. LAWRENCE MINING COMPANY.

REPORT upon the GOLD MINES of the ST.
LAWRENCE MINING COMPANY.

The past year was employed in making choice of the lands bearing gold and copper, and in purchasing them. This present year my attention was principally directed towards the examination of the importance of the mines, and of the localities where we should commence operations.

Although the gold appears to be spread over an extent of 10,000 square miles, according to certain vague data gathered from different individuals, and although the reports, given in to Government during a number of years, state that the auriferous land, bearing ore, proceeds from the washings of an unknown vein, such is not the case; the gold found in Lower Canada is generally due to the same material cause as all the other metals and minerals which are found in veins, both native and mixed or associated with other metals; I have not been able to find any character whatever in them denoting an alluvion nature. It is painful to see that a number of persons have shaken public confidence by the levity and misunderstanding of their remarks; and the greatest number are wanting in the knowledge which that portion of the science requires. The existence of gold in Canada was made known before the metal was found in California and Australia. If the knowledge of it has not been more extended, it is due to the uncertainty of our rights of working it and to the false impressions acquired in relation to the mineral in question.

Some places, of very small extent, contain gold, which is denominated alluvion, but such is not generally the case, and moreover such is not the case with regard to the different auriferous properties held by this Company. The gold veins traverse the mountains; in some places they are in the rivers and small streams, and the veins are cut by them, which is the cause why certain portions of the rivers or streams contain a quantity of gold in their beds, and this is the case with regard to a location granted under the name of Richard Oty.

The lands acquired during the past year for this Company, contain—

1. Gold upon the clay, under which is to be found an aluminous soil filled with white pyrites, quartz and pieces of rock of different dimensions, with decompositions of granite,